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September 16, 1994

The Honorable Jim Chapman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2417 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Chapman:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Capt. Don Denman, Jail Administrator, and Lt. Jim Reader, Administrative Assistant, Gregg County Jail, regarding the Commission's Billed Party Preference (BPP) proceeding. On May 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. I have enclosed a copy of the Further Notice and press release accompanying it for your information.

The Further Notice sets forth a detailed cost/benefit analysis of BPP. This analysis indicates, based on the available data, that the benefits of BPP to consumers would exceed its costs. The Further Notice seeks comment on this analysis and asks interested parties to supplement the record concerning the costs and benefits of BPP. The Further Notice also invites parties to recommend alternatives to BPP that could produce many of the same benefits at a lower cost.

The Further Notice also explicitly seeks comment on whether correctional facility telephones should be exempt if BPP is adopted. Specifically, the Further Notice seeks additional information on the effectiveness and costs of controlling fraud originating on inmate lines with or without BPP. The Further Notice also seeks comment on a proposal to exempt prison telephones from BPP if the operator service provider adheres to rate ceilings for inmate calling services.

BPP would not preclude prison officials from blocking or limiting inmate calls to specific telephone numbers in order to prevent threatening and harassing calls. Moreover, BPP would not affect the ability of prison officials to limit inmates to collect calling or to program telephone equipment at the prison site to block certain numbers.

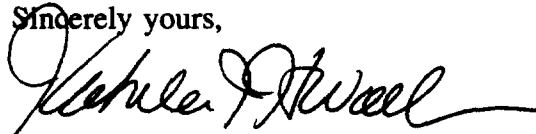
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Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. I can assure you that the Commission will carefully examine all of the comments submitted in response to the Further Notice, including additional empirical data regarding the costs and benefits of implementing BPP and the impact of BPP on telephone service from correctional facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M.H. Wallman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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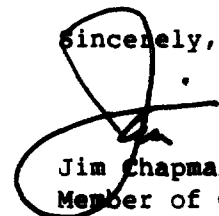
Dear Mr. Klitzman:

I am writing on behalf of Capt. Don Denman and Lt. Jim Reader, two of my constituents in Longview, Texas. Capt. Denman and Lt. Reader have concerns with a proposed regulation dealing with billed party preferences for long distance telephone calls from inmates.

I would appreciate your thorough review of their concerns so that I may respond to them. If you require additional information please contact Jeanne Wolak of my staff at 202-225-3035.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am

Sincerely,

  
Jim Chapman  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

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*Federal Regulations*

Dear Sir:

We are writing you to express our concern for the pending regulation before the Federal Communications Commission dealing with Billed Party Preference for long distance telephone calls from inmates. Our inmate telephone system will be greatly hindered in the following ways if this regulation is put in place:

1. We will be unable to block phone numbers of victims to prevent harassment and intimidation by inmates.
2. We will be unable to supervise the system by our own staff.
3. Eliminating collect-only calls, will cost us to provide a service that the inmates are now paying for themselves.

We are all aware of the need to reform our Criminal Justice System. Our current White House Administration stated they intend to be a pro law enforcement administration. It is ironic that the current White House appointed Commissioners would pass a regulation that is a slap in the face of correctional and law enforcement agencies to which the White House has dedicated its support.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Capt. Don Denman*  
Capt. Don Denman  
Jail administrator  
Gregg County Jail

*Lt. Jim Reader*  
Lt. Jim Reader  
Administrative Assistant  
Gregg County Jail

cc: Vice President Al Gore  
Hon. Phil Gramm

Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchinson  
Hon. Jim Chapman